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SUBJECT: DISBANDING OF "C" ARMY CORPS STUDENT OFFICE

1. "MAKEDONIA" OF OCTOBER 18 CARRIES BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ABOLISHING "STUDENT AFFAIRS" OFFICE OF "C" ARMY CORPS WHICH HAD "RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO STUDENTS OF THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY". ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, DISBANDING OF OFFICE IS "FURTHER STEP TOWARDS FULFILLMENT OF TERMS TO FACILITATE STUDENT ELECTIONS".

2. COMMENT: CONGEN BELIEVES THAT DECISION RESULTS FROM OCTOBER 9 TERMINATION OF MARTIAL LAW. ALTHOUGH FULL PURVIEW OF DISBANDED OFFICE NOT KNOWN, CONGEN UNDERSTOOD IT PROVIDED GUIDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO GOVT-SPONSORED STUDENT UNION, FEAP, AND ITS NEWSPAPER FITITIS. CONGEN ALSO UNDERSTANDS FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT, AFTER BURNING OF AMERICAN FLAG OUTSIDE FILM FESTIVAL HERE OCTOBER 3 (THESS 625 AND 629), "C" CORPS CMDR. LT. GEN. GRATSIOS CALLED IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO PROTEST ACTION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, GRATSIOS STATED THAT HE ASSIGNED HERE TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER "NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF JUNTA, BUT OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT". GENERAL REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT IF SIMILAR INCIDENT REPEATED OR IF STUDENTS MARCHED ON US CONGEN, HE WOULD HAVE TO "TAKE MEASURES".

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